IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| For | TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED | TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE | CLAIMS ALREADY PAID | RATE | CALCULATION |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Total Claims | 16 | 16 | XXX (Over 20) | x \$50 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3 | XXX (Over 3) | x \$200 | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) | | | | + \$360 | 0 |
| REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | 0.00 | | |

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

| [x] | Response to Office Action (with Claim Amendments) | [x] Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) [] Terminal Disclaimer |
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| įį | Substitute Specification Preliminary Amendment Information Disclosure Statement | [] Letter to Draftsperson w/_ sheets of replacement drawings[x] Request for Continued Examination |

| Please charge my Deposit Account Number in the amount of to cover the fees for A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. | | | | | |
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| Checks in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE fee and \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee and are enclosed. | | | | | |
| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480 . | | | | | |
| Respectfully submitted, | | | | | |
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